

**Department of Toxic Substances Control**  
**Project Status Update**  
**for**  
**Wyle Laboratories Norco Facility Site**  
**August 1, 2005**

**SITE INVESTIGATION/CLEANUP**

- Soil gas and indoor air sampling was completed at the three schools near the Wyle site. The sampling was designed to determine whether contaminants from found at Wyle Laboratories (Wyle) have a potential to impact the schools and to address community concerns. We anticipate receiving results of the sampling within four weeks.
- Soil gas sampling was previously conducted at six homes near the intersection of Third and Hillside (near Temescal). Results showed varying TCE concentrations at four of the homes. The highest detected TCE concentrations were 41 and 44 parts per billion at two of the four homes, both at a depth of 10 feet below ground surface. Indoor air sampling will be conducted at the four homes to make sure they are not affected by TCE vapors. Preparations for indoor air sampling are anticipated to begin this week, depending on access agreements received from the residents at these homes.
- Based on public concern with potential radiological material used on the Wyle site, we sent a letter to Wyle requesting copies of all licenses, correspondence, and license terminations issued by the Department of Health Services (DHS). DHS is the agency in charge of licensing the use, storage, and disposal of radiological (radioactive) material in California. We are coordinating this effort with DHS.
- We received and approved a work plan from Wyle to conduct soil gas and groundwater sampling at the home on First Street where low levels of TCE were detected in the resident's private well. In May 2005 Wyle re-sampled this well, which is used only for irrigation by the property owner. This well was not used for drinking. The well contained low levels of TCE (4.4 parts per billion) and also perchlorate at 9.3 parts per billion. The soil gas and/or groundwater sampling will be conducted on the property to obtain data to determine whether the residents are being exposed to TCE vapors. We anticipate sampling to begin within the next two weeks.
- All demolition activities onsite have been completed. Prior to demolition, buildings were surveyed for asbestos-containing material (ACM) and lead-based paint (LBP). We have been requesting the ACM/LBP certification, which shows that ACM and/or LBP found in buildings have been properly removed. We have not received it to date. We will continue to request this information and will place it at the information repositories upon receipt. During demolition, dust control measures were used to ensure no significant amount of dust was generated. Demolition involved only above-ground structures without removal of foundations or significant disturbance of soil. We do not have jurisdiction over the demolition

activities, but we asked St. Clair (the property owners) to document the safety measures they use to ensure that on-site workers and the surrounding residents are not impacted by demolition activities. Copies of the contractor's "Safety Management Program" are available at the DTSC Cypress office, and at both information repositories (Corona Public Library and Norco City Hall).

- Buildings demolished: All site buildings except F1A, F1B and H1.
- Wood and building debris has been moved offsite.
- Removal of metal salvage, wood, and building concrete debris is complete.

➤ Ongoing Remedial Investigation activities:

Last week

Onsite:

- Started quarterly groundwater sampling.
- Continued geophysical survey (first step of fracture analysis).

Offsite:

- Investigated private well at 998 Third Street, including taking a video log inside the well.
- Collected soil gas and indoor air samples at Norco High, Norco Intermediate, and Norco Elementary Schools.
- Collected water levels at offsite wells (MW-16, 19, 20, 21, 23, and 24).

Sampling planned for this week:

- Onsite: Continue quarterly groundwater sampling.
- Offsite: Install soil gas probes at four homes at the intersection of Third and Hillside, where indoor air samples will be collected.

## **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

- We are planning to hold a 30-day public comment period for the proposed cleanup (called a Removal Action Workplan) for the northwest area of Wyle, near Golden West Lane. The dates for public review have not been finalized, and tentatively scheduled to begin this month (August 2005). The public comment period will include a fact sheet describing the proposed cleanup that will be sent to the mailing list and posted on our website; a paid advertisement in the newspaper; and a public meeting and open house to describe the proposal and take comments. The draft cleanup proposal will be available at the Corona Public Library, Norco City Hall, our office in Cypress, and on our website. This proposed cleanup will be only one small part of the overall cleanup of contamination from the Wyle site. The rest of the cleanup will be done after we finish collecting data to find out the types, amounts, and extent of soil and groundwater contamination from the site.